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The Gospel Defended: Election, Israel, & God's Promises
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Introduction: Israel's Rejection of God's Gospel (9:1-5)

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Three Ways to Group Israel

1. All the **physical** descendants of Abraham who are God's chosen people as a nation.
2. Two **spiritual** groups within the physical descendants of Israel...
 - **a)** Unbelieving Israel—those who have Abraham for their *physical* father, but not their *spiritual* father.
 - **b)** True spiritual Israel—the spiritual descendants of Abraham.

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Biblical Arguments Against Conditional Election

1. It ignores the fact that whatever God sees in the future, He has brought to pass (Eph. 1:11).
2. Biblical *foreknowledge* is not foreknowing something about a person but foreknowing a person (Rom. 8:29).
3. Jesus taught that people who would have believed given the chance were not elect (Mt. 11:20-24; Luke 10:10-15).
4. The Bible clearly teaches *unconditional* election.

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- Election Is Not Based on an Individual's Genetics or Relationships (10)
- Election Is Not Based on Personal Merit or Demerit (11)
- Election Is Not Based on Normal Reasons or Human Expectations (12)